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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: RHODESIA: THE MIDDLE EAST

1. IN OCTOBER 24 EDITION OF WEEKLY MAGAZINE ZAIRE, JOURNALIST YAMAINA MANDALA REFERS TO RECENT SMITH-KAUNDA MEETING SAYING THAT SMITH IS FEARFUL FOR PLIGHT OF WHITES IN RHODESIA BECAUSE "IF THE NATIONALISTS WERE TO WIN A VICTORY THROUGH THE USE OF ARMS, THE WHITES WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE ASSISTANCE FUND THAT THIS ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WILL PROVIDE FOR THEM.." CONCERNING US AFRICAN POLICY, CITIZEN YAMAINA SAYS IT HAS "BEEN GIVEN NEW DIRECTION... IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME"...DUE TO ANDREW YONG'S "SPIRIT OF INITIATIVE." CONTRASTING CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY WITH WHAT WENT BEFORE, AUTHOR CALLS KISSINGER'S APPROACH "THE UNREALISTIC STEP-BY-STEP POLICY." CHANGED US POLICY AND THE FACT THAT MOST AFRICAN NATIONS ARE RUSHING TO RE-ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS WITH US IS "SUFFICIENT PROOF THAT, THANKS TO ANDREW YOUNG, THE UNITED STATES HAS ENTERED A NEW ERA IN COOPERATION WITH THE BLACK CONTINENT,"
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CONCLUDES COMMENTARY.

2. IN THE SAME ISSUE, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR KAZADI LUDANDA, ANALYZED THE STALEMATE IN GENEVA MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS. AFTER CRITICIZING LACK OF AMERICAN DECISIVENESS ON ISRAELI BORDER DELINEATION AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, KAZADI SAYS JOINT-SOVIET-AMERICAN STATEMENT FAILED TO END "DIFFERENCES

BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV ON THESE ISSUES." KEEPING THE
PLO OUT OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE VIOLATES JOINT US-SOVIET
STATEMENT, ACCORDING TO KAZADI, WHO ADDS THAT MIDDLE EAST VISITS
OF VANCE SHOULD HAVE CONVINCED AMERICAN LEADERS "THAT THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE RECONVENED WITHOUT THE PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPATION" WHICH IS STILL LACKING. CHARACTERIZING US MID
EAST MANOEUVERS AS "BACKSLIDING," COMMENTARY PESSIMISTICALLY
CONCLUDES TAT "A DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT
WILL REMAIN AN UNATTAINABLE OBJECTIVE. ARAB STATES SUCH AS
EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN HAVE ALREADY MADE IT KNOWN THAT THEY
WERE READY TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LATTER'S
WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH
MR. BEGIN, NEVER HAVING LOST SIGHT OF HIS IDEA OF GREATER
ISRAEL, CANNOT TOLERATE." ITEM.
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